

just spoken of is revealed in this kind of cryptic gallows humor cartoon. It says "'tis spring, 'tis spring," and it has got the vultures flying over the farm auction postings, a very apt characterization of precisely what is reflected in the newspapers advertising farm auctions. Pages and pages and pages of auction sales reflecting the end of a multi-generation of family farming operations.

Typically each and every auction revealed in these many pages will be a family farm, initially homesteaded, perhaps a century ago, and then farmed successfully now for several generations, until the devastation we have now seen has made continuation of that family farming entity impossible.

Why is this happening? What could possibly be bringing this about? Well, first of all, it is a combination of disastrous production conditions, coupled with disastrous prices, and all occurring in the backdrop of a new farm policy, a farm policy of this country that essentially has substantially reduced in meaningful ways the types of support and assistance the Federal Government had previously maintained for decades to family farmers when they get into trouble.

I think it is important for us to look at the changes in farm policy and draw conclusions in terms of what we must do in the future to react. Clearly, the results shown in North Dakota show the existing safety net is not meeting the challenge facing the farmers in our area and across the country.

#### REGARDING THE TURKISH TRANSFER OF F-16s TO CYPRUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on June 18th, the Turkish Government sent six F-16s to Northern Cyprus and issued a warning to Greece about its military activity on Cyprus.

The movement by Turkey of F-16s is cause for alarm, because in recent months Ankara has stepped up its belligerent rhetoric over the Cyprus problem. Last month, Turkey abruptly changed its position in the Cyprus peace negotiations and began insisting that three new preconditions be met before meaningful negotiations could take place. This unreasonable turn-about prompted a public rebuke of the Turks from Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, the President's Special Envoy for Cyprus.

With the recent deployment of F-16s to Northern Cyprus, Ankara has edged an already volatile situation that much closer to military confrontation.

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What I find to be particularly abhorrent is that the Turks are using American weaponry to destabilize this region.

I and many of my colleagues here in the House have pointed out time and

again on the House floor, in committee proceedings, and with legislation that the Turkish presence on the island of Cyprus with 35,000 troops is illegal. Turkey is the only country in the world that has recognized northern Cyprus as an independent country.

Ankara's presence in northern Cyprus, incidentally, is being bolstered by far more than American F-16s. Turkish forces are well-equipped with a laundry list of sophisticated American weaponry. The United States should not allow Ankara to use American-made weapons to enforce the illegal occupation of Cyprus. Using American weapons in this fashion may well be a violation of the Arms Export Control Act.

Turkish arms transfers are not specific to Cyprus, I should point out, Mr. Speaker. There are also illegal transfers of U.S. or NATO standard weapons and other military supplies being sent to Azerbaijan by Turkey. Turkey has long sided with Azerbaijan.

One of the major complications of the Nagorno-Karabagh conflict is the blockade of Armenia and Karabagh by Azerbaijan, and the Turkish blockade of Armenia in support of Azerbaijan. These blockades have made life hard for the Armenian people, stopping vitally needed relief supplies from the U.S. and other countries. Now Turkey is funneling military equipment to Azerbaijan, equipment I have seen myself in a previous visit to the front lines in Nagorno-Karabagh.

Just a few weeks ago I opposed the suggestion that appeared in the media that Turkey may want to transfer American F-16 fighter planes to Azerbaijan. That country already has air superiority because it inherited a lot more airplanes from the Soviet Union than did Armenia. F-16s would give Azerbaijan overwhelming air superiority.

There are now suggestions that Turkey may transfer advanced NATO howitzer or cannon artillery to Azerbaijan. Mr. Speaker, I will be asking my colleagues to join me in sending a letter to the chairman of the Committee on International Relations asking that he hold hearings on the use of American weapons by Turkey in northern Cyprus and Azerbaijan. Any use of American weaponry by Turkey that violates U.S. foreign policy and national security interests must be met with a swift and vigorous change in U.S. policy.

I would also encourage all of my colleagues to join me in pressuring Turkey to be a partner in the search for a lasting peace in the region, and not a contributor to a continuing cycle of violence and tensions.

#### EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING STATEMENT OF DR. THOMAS HOFELLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUNT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern for

statements attributed to Dr. Thomas Hofeller, the staff director of the Subcommittee on the Census. Dr. Hofeller's comments appeared in David Broder's column in the Washington Post yesterday entitled "Playing Hard Ball on the Census."

In the article, Mr. Hofeller is supposed to have suggested that "Someone should remind Secretary Bill Daley that if he counts people the way he wants to by using sampling, his brother, Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley, could find himself trying to run a majority-minority city."

I am not exactly sure what that means, but if these remarks are correctly attributed to the head of the staff of the Subcommittee on the Census, then I am concerned, because I find them to be reprehensible, deplorable, irresponsible, offensive, and yes, even race-laden.

These comments give Americans a real glimpse at some of the rationale behind not using sampling techniques. The comments by Dr. Hofeller suggests that if we do the Census the way the National Academy of Sciences and other professional organizations have suggested that we do it, then someone in some places will not like the results, because minorities in some instances will become the majority.

These vile comments seem designed to put fear in the hearts and minds of non-minority Americans. The comments divide, rather than unite, at a time when we should be coming together as one America.

In addition, what is more troubling is the fact that the comments expressed do not concern themselves with a fair and accurate Census, which should be the goal of every American.

Mr. Hofeller's remarks, if true, suggest that we should continue the pattern of undercounting African Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics, the poor, and other minorities. His comments indicate that a fair and accurate census could shift the composition of people in Chicago and other places throughout the country.

What we are dealing with is the fact that there has been a serious undercount of minorities in this country since the first census was taken in 1790. In Chicago during the last census, over 68,000 people were missed. As a result of being missed, millions of dollars in Federal funds were lost. Residents in Chicago were short-changed. Communities throughout the country who were undercounted were short-changed on resources and funds for social services, transit, and education alike.

The reality is that the census should in fact be about a fair and accurate count; nothing more, nothing less. Let us get down with the rhetoric of politics and talk about the real deal, which is counting the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas) is recognized for 5 minutes.